

May 2023 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Programs meet at the Houghton’s Pond Visitor Center unless otherwise noted. Inclement weather may cancel programs. To confirm or for more information please call (857) 208-8498.

- Tuesdays**
May 2, 9, 16,
23 & 30

Family Nature Exploration, 10:00 am—11:00 am
On Tuesday mornings, explore the natural side of Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults.

May 2, 16 & 30—Turtle Trek: Turtles are truly amazing! Many species make their home throughout the Blue Hills. On this all-ages program we will learn about turtles and their behavior, as well as how to identify different species of local turtles and maybe see some ourselves.

May 9 & 23 — Bird Songs for Beginners: Who’s making all that beautiful music when you walk in the woods? Come and find out who these mini maestros are and how to tell them apart next time you hear their symphony.
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Exploring the Blue Hills, 2:30 pm—4:00 pm
On Tuesday afternoons, explore the lesser seen parts of Blue Hills Reservation, on moderate, 2-3 mile hikes.

May 2, 16 & 30—Burnt Hill and Beyond: Explore the hidden trails behind Houghton’s Pond. **Meet at Visitor Center**

May 9 & 23—St. Moritz Pond: Explore beautiful St. Moritz pond and rocky Rattlesnake Hill. **Meet at Shea Rink Parking Lot at 651 Willard Street in Quincy MA**
- Wednesday**
May 10 & 24

Great Blue Yonder Hike, 2:00 pm—4:00 pm
Meets at Trailside Museum Parking Lot.
Join us on a moderate hike to the highest point in MA south of Boston and enjoy the majestic views from the top of Great Blue Hill. Suitable for adults with hiking experience.
- Thursdays**
May 4, 11, 18
& 25

History in the Hills, 9:00 am—10:30 am
On Wednesday mornings, learn about the history of the Blue Hills Reservation. For adults and children over 12.

May 4 & 18— First People of the Hills: What was life like for the first people of these hills? We will respectfully explore the lives, culture and practices of the Massachusetts People, before and after European contact, and through to today. Accessible lecture meets at Visitor Center.

May 11 & 25 —The Tree Army
During the Great Depression, President Franklin Roosevelt sent millions of young men to improve and expand the parks of America. Come learn the incredible story of the CCC here in the Blue Hills. Accessible lecture meets at Visitor Center.



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- Thursdays
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A Spring in Your Step, 3:00 pm—4:00 pm
Join us for a vernal voyage into the unknown in the Blue Hills!
May 4 & 18— Marsh Madness: The lovely Marigold Marsh is a vital habitat and home to many species of birds and reptiles, as they return and reemerge from winter. All ages.
May 11 & 25— Pond Life Hike: Pond life is hopping down at Houghton’s Pond. On this gentle 1.1 mile hike we will explore the plants and animals that make their home on this lovely glacial pond. Suitable for adults and children 7 and up.
- Fridays,
May 12, 19 &
26

Kidleidoscope, 10:00 am—11:00 am
Join us for nature crafts and nature facts! Each week we will feature a different nature theme and a craft on that theme. Suitable for ages 4-10 accompanied by an adult.
- Saturdays
May 13, 20 &
27

Family Nature Exploration, 10:00 am—11:00 am On Saturday mornings, explore the natural side of Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults.
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May 13 & 27

Nice and Easy Hiking Series, 1:00 pm—2:30 pm
Looking to get outdoors and take a gentle, guided hike in the beautiful Blue Hills? Join us for our weekly series of leisurely paced nature hikes (1.5-3 miles long). Learn about nature at your own pace and make some friends along the way. All ages.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Saturday,
May 20

SE MA ADULT WALKING CLUB HIKE, 2:00 pm—4:00 pm
A moderate 2.7-mile hike over rolling terrain along the Wolcot Green Dot Path. Meets at the north parking lot of the Trailside Museum located at 1904 Canton Ave. Milton MA.
- Wednesday
May 17

Baker’s Chocolate (Mother’s Day Edition) 9:00 am—10:30 am
Chocolate is sweet but the history of chocolate production is bittersweet. Chocolate transformed Milton and Dorchester’s economy, where Baker’s Chocolate became a leader of the Industrial Revolution. Come learn about the fascinating and often complicated history of one of America’s oldest companies. Accessible lecture at Visitor Center